

REMARKS

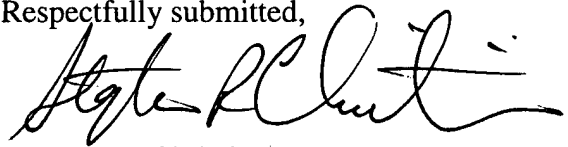
Double Patenting Rejection Based on Application No. 10/074,598

Claims 1-22 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of copending Application No. 10/074,598. Applicant respectfully intends to await an examination of the elected claims on their merits prior to addressing the provisional obviousness – type double patenting rejection.

CONCLUSION

Should issues arise during the examination of the elected claims which might be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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